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Troy Welcomes Two NBA Stars To City for Basketball Camp

Camp Set to take Place this weekend- RUFFERNAN- THIS WEEKEND

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(July 15, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J Tutunjian and the City of Troy are pleased to once again welcome back NBA stars Jason and Jarron Collins for a two-day basketball camp at Troy High School this weekend.

Hosted by the Youth Missionary Department at the Fifth Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church, the Collins twins have been coming to Troy for the past several years to run a two-day camp for kids. This year, the two seven—foot centers will host the camp on Saturday and Sunday at Troy High from Noon to 5 p.m. each day.

"These two young men are incredible people that give so much of their time to foster relationships with young people and encourage them to follow their dreams," Tutunjian said. "When I met the Collins' twins last year I came away in awe at the sheer thoughtfulness they taught with. They truly are an inspiring duo, and perfect role models for many of our young residents."

Both men are natives of California where they attended Stanford University before being chosen to play in the National Basketball Association. Jason currently plays for the New Jersey Nets where he started 80 games last year while setting a career high in points and rebounds. Jarron plays for the Utah Jazz and fought through several injuries this season before finishing the year with respectable numbers.

Both Collins brothers gradated from Stanford University in 2001. All members of the media are encouraged to attend the event. Tutunjian will be on hand Saturday afternoon to welcome the Collins' twins back to Troy.

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